



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **UCHIDA, Takayuki**

Group Art Unit: 2165

Serial No.: 10/677,216

Examiner: Jacques VEILLARD

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For: **RECORDING MEDIUM STORING HIERARCHICAL INFORMATION, INFORMATION RETRIEVING DEVICE, INFORMATION RETRIEVING SYSTEM, INFORMATION RETRIEVING METHOD, INFORMATION RETRIEVING COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING SUCH COMPUTER PROGRAM**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -  
GROUP ART UNIT 2165**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 22, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.